IN THE CLAIMS

1.   (currently amended)   A system for providing software, comprising:

a server ~~operable~~ programmed to provide software via a network ~~to a plurality of electronic devices~~ in response to a request to purchase or transfer the same;

at least two electronic devices, each of the at least two electronic devices being identified by device identification information registered in association with user identification information identifying a single user such that each of the at least two electronic devices have the same user associated therewith;

each of the at least two electronic devices including:

first requesting means for sending the user identification information and the device identification information for the respective electronic device, and software identification information for selected software, to the server to request that the selected software be provided;

installing means for installing the selected software provided from the server;

second requesting means for sending the software identification information for the selected software, the user identification information, and the device identification information for the respective electronic device to the server to request that a license required to run the selected software be generated based on predetermined license generating information and be provided to the electronic device;

running means for running the selected software using the license;

means for causing information to be supplied to the respective electronic device which identifies each

electronic device currently available to receive the selected software by transfer if a request to do so is made; and

third requesting means for requesting that the server transfer the selected software from the respective electronic device to another of the at least two electronic devices which has the same user associated therewith as that of the respective electronic device and which is selected by use of the information which identifies said each electronic device currently available to receive the selected software by transfer; and

the server including:

registering means for registering the software identification information for the selected software in association with the user identification information and the device identification information for the respective electronic device on condition that the user identification information and the device identification information for the respective electronic device have been registered in association with each other;

providing means for providing the selected software to the respective electronic device;

generating means for generating the license when the software identification information for the selected software, the user identification information, and the device identification information for the respective electronic device have been registered in association with each other; and

transferring means for, upon a request by the third requesting means of the respective electronic device to transfer the selected software to the another electronic device, providing the information which identifies said each electronic device currently available to receive the selected software by transfer to the respective electronic device to enable a selection, deleting the software identification information for

the selected software and the user identification information and the device identification information registered in association with the software identification information for the respective electronic device, and registering the software identification information for the selected software in association with the device identification information for the another electronic device and the user identification information, such that the respective electronic device is prohibited from purchasing software and such that the another electronic device is allowed to run the selected software.

2-5.   (canceled)

6.   (currently amended)   A system for providing software, comprising:

a server ~~operable~~ programmed to provide software via a network ~~to electronic devices~~ in response to a request to purchase or transfer the same; and

electronic devices, each of the electronic devices being identified by device identification information registered in association with user identification information identifying a user of the electronic device in which each of the electronic devices has the same user associated therewith;

each of the electronic devices including:

software requesting means for requesting selected software by sending software identification information for the selected software to the server;

receiving means for receiving the selected software from the server;

license requesting means for requesting a license for running the selected software;

means for causing information to be supplied to the respective electronic device which identifies each

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electronic device currently available to receive the selected software by transfer if a request to change electronic device is made; and

change-requesting means for issuing an electronic-device changing request so that another electronic device different from the electronic device will be allowed to run the selected software which is selected by use of the information which identifies said each electronic device currently available to receive the selected software by transfer; and

the server including:

sending means for sending the selected software to the electronic device;

issuing means for issuing the license for running the selected software; ~~and~~

means for providing the information which identifies said each electronic device currently available to receive the selected software by transfer to the respective electronic device to enable a selection; and

changing means for executing an electronic-device changing operation so that the selected another electronic device will be allowed to run the selected software,

in which the respective electronic device is prohibited from purchasing software.

7-18.   (canceled)